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SUBJECT: UGANDA: CONTINGENCY PLANNING

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FRG AMBASSADOR FROEWIS IN KAMPALA HAS SENT THE
FOLLOWING CABLE (MARCH 15) REPORTING ON THE FRG
EMBASSY'S EFFORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE E&E
EXERCISE.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HAS DISTRIBUTED THE CHECK LIST
TO ALL THE MISSIONARIES AND BUSINESSMEN OF THE US
COMMUNITY. THE EMBASSY STAFF ALSO TRANSMITTED,
CONFIDENTIALLY, THE RELEVANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE
WARDENS.

2. SOME (9) AMERICANS HAVE DEPARTED ALREADY OR WILL
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BE LEAVING FOR GOOD SHORTLY. OTHERS HAVE GONE ON
HOME LEAVE, SO THAT THEY WILL BE OUTSIDE UGANDA IN
THE CRITICAL FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.

3. VOICE OF AMERICA COVERAGE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
HEARINGS WAS ADEQUATE IN EARLY FEBRUARY ONLY. THE
US COMMUNITY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF VOICE OF AMERICA

CLEARLY REPORTED WHEN HEARINGS HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED
OR CLOSED AND WHEN NEW HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED.
TRANSMISSION SHOULD BE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE
RECEPTION IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD.

THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR CABLES ON ANY
OTHER ACTION TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED ON UGANDA.

4. THE MAJORITY OF MISSIONARIES APPEAR PREPARED TO
LEAVE UGANDA FOR GOOD, IF SO ADVISED BY THEIR
SUPERIORS. IT IS UP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
THEREFORE, TO URGE THE AUTHORITIES IN ROME
(CONGREGATION ON THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH, VERONA
FATHERS AND SISTERS, WHITE FATHERS AND SISTERS, HOLY
CROSS FATHERS AND SISTERS, FRANCISCAN FATHERS AND
SISTERS AND JESUITS) TO TRANSFER US PERSONNEL INTO
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, NOTABLY KENYA AND TANZANIA,
AND TO ASK MISSIONARIES OF OTHER NATIONALITIES, E.G.
ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN, GERMANY, POLAND, TO FILL THE
PLACES VACATED BY THE AMERICANS. IN ADDITION, IT MIGHT
BE SUGGESTED THAT THE PREDOMINANTLY ITALIAN VERONA
FATHERS AND SISTERS TAKE OVER THE DIOCESE OF FORT
PORTAL, WHICH REMAINS THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION OF
AMERICAN MISSIONARIES. FROEWIS.

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